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For: **ARRAY-CAMERA MOTION PICTURE DEVICE,
AND METHODS TO PRODUCE NEW VISUAL AND
AURAL EFFECTS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant
requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information
listed on the attached form PTO SB 08A (modified). The order of presentation of the references
should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references. In accordance with
the Official Gazette notice dated August 5, 2003, Applicant has not included copies of the U.S.
references cited herein.

Included in these references, Applicant encloses two (2) DVDs which are listed on the
attached form PTO SB 08A. Descriptions regarding the contents of these DVDs are outlined
herein. Reference number 4 listed under "Non-Patent Literature Documents" and titled "BBC
Tomorrow's World" contains excerpts from this program. A ring-shaped camera is featured in
the program segment of the United Kingdom television broadcast. This segment describes a
nearly 2-meter diameter, ring-shaped camera, created by Tim Macmillan of the city of Bath,

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United Kingdom. On the inside surface of the ring was held a length of motion picture film. Over the film was an opaque strip through which hundreds of pinhole lenses were drilled. The camera had no shutter, so it was used in the dark where a subject, such as a thrown bucket of water, was passed through the loop, triggering flash illumination at one instant. After processing, the film could be formed into a loop and projected to reveal the subject frozen in time, rotating upon the screen. Reference number 5 listed under "Non-Patent Literature Documents" and titled "The Boy in the Bubble" contains excerpts from a circa 1986 music video of Paul Simon's "The Boy in the Bubble." As described to the Applicant, the effect relates to a visual element in a Paul Simon music video in which a baby appears to be suspended in mid-air while spinning on screen. The Applicant spoke to several people with knowledge of the video's production and was told that this visual element was made using a series of cameras whose apertures were held open in the dark while a strobe light was flashed to expose an image of the baby onto film in each camera. This visual element appears twice near the end of the music video. Applicant was also told that crew was sworn to secrecy regarding this effect circa 1986, and that they were surprised when it was not used again. An Information Disclosure Statement describing this visual element, and how it was reportedly produced, was previously submitted by the Applicant on 9/12/1997 in priority Application Serial No. 08/598,158. It is believed Applicant's currently claimed invention is patentably distinct from any structure or function relating to the camera featured in the "BBC Tomorrow's World" program segment, or the production of the effect in the Paul Simon video.

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO SB 08A be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist. Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

Applicant includes herein the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1732.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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